

St. Frances Cabrini

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Welcome to our Parish Community!

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Parish Office Hours:

Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri.,
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thurs., 9:00 a.m. to noon
Closed Sat. & Sun.

Please note: If you are not yet fully vaccinated, please wear a mask if you come in person to our parish office.

Members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society are available at 881-3075 from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. on weekdays. Call that number if you need a food box or other practical assistance.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We offer this devotional service in our parish once a month. This will normally be on the first Friday of the month. The next Adoration will be on Sept. 3rd. The time will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please feel free to invite your friends to come and share in this worship.



St. Frances Cabrini, born in Italy in 1850, founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She immigrated to New York in 1887 to assist Catholic immigrants, died in 1917 and was the first American citizen to be canonized.

August 22, 2021
Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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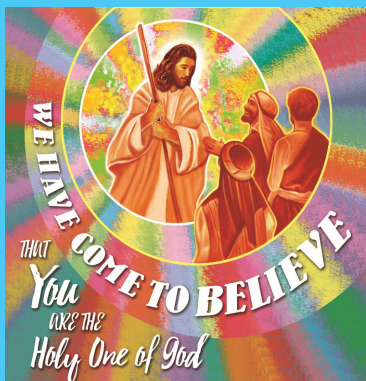
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AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD,
WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.

JOSHUA 24:15



WHOM SHOULD WE FOLLOW?

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse in John. After Jesus' continued insistence that he is the Bread of Life come down from heaven, and that his words are "Spirit and life," most of his disciples drift away. The Twelve, however, affirm their faith in Jesus, whom Simon Peter professes to "have the words of eternal life." In the first reading, Joshua and the Israelites are preparing to enter the Promised Land, and Joshua asks the people to decide which god they will follow, the LORD their God, or the gods of neighboring peoples. The Responsorial Psalm features Psalm 34, the "taste and see" psalm, that reflects the kinds of struggles the Israelites faced during their sojourn in the wilderness. In the second reading, Paul gives counsel for maintaining domestic peace and happiness.

CROSSROADS IN LIFE, THEN AND NOW

Sometimes in life we find ourselves at a crossroads, faced with an existential choice that will alter the course of our life. We are aware, at these moments, just how significant our choice will be and that there will be no going back.

In both the first reading and the Gospel we see such moments calling people to make such choices. Which god will the Israelites follow? Joshua, their leader after Moses, knows that the area around the Promised Land is occupied by other peoples, with other gods. Perhaps remembering how, after Moses had gone up Mount Sinai, the Israelites set up a golden calf to worship, Joshua worries that they may again be susceptible to such attractions. He is asking them for a commitment, and proclaims, "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

CAN WE STAY WITH JESUS?

The people who were frenetically following Jesus, crossing the lake twice to pursue him, eating the bread he miraculously provided, are now puzzled by Jesus proclaiming himself as "the bread of life," and they are incredulous. They can go with him no farther, so they gradually drift away. The Twelve, however, stay with Jesus. What else could they do? Who else offers such a profound vision of human life? Peter expresses it well: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Not all of our life's crossroads involve our faith, but some do. Perhaps there is someone in your parish who chose to become Catholic and is now alienated from their family; someone who is unhappy with a new pastor and wondering about looking for a different parish; someone who was especially distressed by the clergy sex abuse and prayed long and hard before deciding that she needed her parish to get through it. There may be many in your parish facing such choices, and they need our support and our prayers. In the meantime, we can hope that someday they will again experience Jesus as the Holy One of God, offering them words of eternal life.

TODAY'S READINGS

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21
Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]
John 6:60-69

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday, Communion Service, 8:00 a.m.

Tues., Wed., Thurs.,

Fri. and Sat. Masses, 8:00 a.m.

Sat. anticipatory Mass

(meets Sun. Mass obligation), 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

EVERYONE PLEASE READ — AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP:

Due to concerns about how the Delta variant of COVID-19 might be affecting unvaccinated children, Bishop Weisenburger is now urging that both Clergy and the Faithful wear masks, at this time, at all Masses and events. This includes both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons. The reason is that there are no vaccines approved for persons younger than 12, and evidence is mounting that the Delta variant affects children and infants more than the original virus, and it can be spread even by vaccinated persons.

Therefore, until directed otherwise, effective immediately, everyone is asked to wear masks at all Masses and events. (Priests and deacons will remove them while speaking.) The Bishop has also suspended the Sunday Mass obligation for families with small children. Parents may make the decision for their own families whether or not to attend Mass. Even if no young children are present at a Mass or other event, please bear in mind that parents or other persons regularly in contact with young children (like grandparents or teachers!) may be in attendance, and we need to protect them from exposure to the Delta variant and the risk of passing it along to children. As the Bishop has said, **this is a life issue!**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17;
Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12;
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18,
21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION is available on Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m., as well as by appointment with Fr. Bala.

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WE SO APPRECIATE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Dear Heavenly Father,
 For all the children returning to school, send your Holy Spirit
 as their guide and protector.
 Keep them free from danger and unnecessary harm.
 Put our sons and daughters in the right place, at the right time,
 to receive your grace. Let them learn and grow strong.
 May the presence of your Spirit fill their hearts.
 Help us to mature as parents and caregivers.
 Bless every family, oh Lord.
 We entrust our children to you, dear God,
 since from the beginning, they are yours to keep.
 In the name of the greatest Son of all, Jesus Christ.
 Amen.

YOUTH GROUP CLASSES

We will all sit in on the first Confirmation class of the year —
 “Being a Candidate!” Hope to see you at the Tucson Racquet
 Club next week (Aug. 29), noon to 3:00
 p.m. Come swim with us, play ball,
 and eat pizza! Questions? Call
 Autumn at (520) 307-3745.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

— Middle and High School Students —

If you are interested in studying about our Catholic Church
 and your part in our church, classes for Confirmation will
 begin on Aug. 22, 2021. Mary Lou and Janice will be teaching
 the classes. We will meet in Room 8 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.
 Letters/Registration Forms have been mailed to students who
 attended Religious Education Classes last year. If you are
 new to the parish, or you have a friend interested in studying
 to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, call Janice at (520)
 906-6104 or Mary Lou at (520) 488-3213.

FREE TUTORING, FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS

will be offered in Rms. 7 & 8 (in the portable classroom build-
 ing behind the Education Building) on (most) Wednesdays,
 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The full schedule is posted on the bulle-
 tin boards outside the church doors and available in the parish
 office as a handout, or we can mail it to you. Questions? Call
 Jim Mueller at (520) 327-0614 (voice only, leave a message if
 no answer). Or email him at eggmen@expressmail.dk.

**AUG. 21st - AUG. 29th**

Sat.	5:00 PM - Herbert Sauber†
Sun.	8:30 AM - People of the Parish
	10:30 AM - Kenneth Paul Saladin†
Tues.	8:00 AM - Francisco Javier Escalante†
Wed.	8:00 AM - Francisco Javier Escalante†
Thurs.	8:00 AM - Francisco Javier Escalante†
Fri.	8:00 AM - The Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	8:00 AM - The Seminarians of Our Diocese
Sat.	5:00 PM - Salvador & Olga Lopez††
Sun.	8:30 AM - People of the Parish
	10:30 AM - Ramon Cota Baro†

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT
CABRINI**

We will begin our Monday afternoon
 Bible Study on Sept. 13 in Room 8 at
 1:30 p.m. We will be studying the Letter of James. Please join us
 as we meet on Sept. 13 and 27 and Oct. 11. Questions? Call Mary
 Lou at (520) 488-3213 or Janice at (520) 906-6104.

THE BLUE BARRELS used to receive
 your non-perishable food donations and
 basic hygiene/cleaning products for our St.
 Vincent de Paul Society are now available at
all weekend Masses. Barrels will be located
 near the two west entry doors of the
 church. Your contributions help our neighbors in need within
 our parish community, and are very much appreciated. THANK
 YOU!



A SECOND COLLECTION will be taken up in our
 church on August 28-29, in support of our parish St. Vincent de
 Paul Conference. Your tax deductible donation will be used to
 help our neighbors in need with rents and utilities. Thank you
 and may God bless you for your generous support!

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

If you can, please buy a few school supplies when shopping to
 help the students in our neighborhood who are in need. They
 could use pencils, pens, colored pencils, markers, crayons, fold-
 ers, binders, notebooks, and backpacks. Boxes will be in the
 church to collect the donations **from now through Aug. 22nd**.
 Questions? Call Mary Lou at 488-3213.



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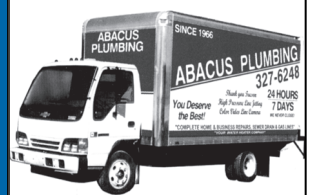
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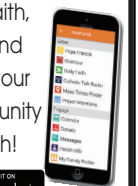
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